CUT MOTION No. 2

Insanitary condition of certain tanks in Tattamangalam

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Sir, I beg to move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,969 for A. Sanitation and Conservancy by Rs. 2. To bring to the notice of the Government the insanitary and unsatisfactory condition of some tanks within the Tattamangalam municipal area.*

At the outset I may say that the tanks I have in mind are both Devaswam tanks. So strictly speaking, it will not be within the purview of this council; but the insanitary condition of the tanks certainly affects the public health of the place and so in that sense, I am entitled to take the view that this House has a voice on the maintenance of those tanks.

Sir, those are Devaswam tanks, but the Devaswam Department being completely beyond the purview of this House, I am sorry I have to say that the officers of the Devaswam Department care a twopence for the members of this House and the representations go unheeded. The two tanks which I have in mind are in a very insanitary condition. The granite walls around the tanks are in a dilapidated condition. If something is not done immediately, the whole structure may fall into the tanks. And it is mere good fortune that no accidents take place. After all, it is a local matter and therefore I do not want to waste the time of the House any more on this subject. My only point is to bring to the notice of the Government the gravity of the situation and ask them to do something in the matter.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Has the Municipality brought the matter to the notice of the Government?

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* The Municipality has made representations and the Devaswam Department asked the Municipality whether it was prepared to take over the management. But the Municipality is not in a position to take over the management for want of funds. So it is the responsibility of the Devaswam Department to maintain the tank in proper order.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Make representations to the Government.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Though the tanks belong to the Devaswam Department, it must be their duty to maintain them in proper order. Since this is a matter affecting the Public Health of a town, I think this House has got a voice on this question.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Though Devaswam is not a subject on which House is permitted to talk, I may say that these two tanks about which particular mention is made here, happened to be inspected by me about a couple of months back when I inspected the Tattamangalam Municipality. I admit that the condition of these tanks is not satisfactory at all. When I enquired into the matter, the Chairman informed me that the Devaswam Department is not taking steps to keep the tanks in a sanitary condition. The Devaswam Commissioner wanted the Municipality to meet all the expenditure and attend to the necessary repairs, which the Municipality, owing to want of funds, is not able to do. That matter having been reported to the Government now, I may inform the House that Government are taking.....

Deputy President: Will the tanks be handed over to the Municipality?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Devaswam Department will be asked about it.

Deputy President: If the Municipality spends funds for repairs, the tanks will be open to all.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is that aspect also to be considered. Now, the Government have decided to ask the Devaswam Department to repair the tanks immediately and keep them in a most sanitary and healthy condition.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Thank you, Sir. I don't press.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Has not the Municipality power to prosecute the man who is responsible for keeping it in that condition?

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

The motion for a grant of Rs. 1,39,877, under 24—Public Health was put and carried.

17. Vaccination—Cranganur Rs. 1,108

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 1,108, under 17—Vaccination—Cranganur.

Demand put and carried

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